

City of Byron  
Mayor and Council Minutes  
November 11, 2024

The City of Byron Mayor and Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex. Mayor Michael Chidester and Council Members James Richardson, Rusty Adams, Michael Chumbley, Chris Hodges, and Alan Dorsey were in attendance. City employees that attended were City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur, City Clerk Telina Allred, Chief Wesley Cannon, Assistant to the City Administrator Melanie Bickford, Captain Bryan Hunter, and Administrative Assistant Elissa Lee. City Attorney Brian Causey attended the meeting and two (2) visitors. Representatives from the Leader Tribune were also in attendance.

Mayor Michael Chidester called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, asked James Richardson to give the invocation, and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AMENDED: Mayor Chidester asked for item #9 to be removed from the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Meetings held on October 14 and October 30, 2024. Unanimous.

CITIZEN TIME TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Joy Moten-Thomas visited the meeting to personally invite the Mayor and Council to the Community Leaders Reception Celebrating Community Success to be held on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

VEHICLE PURCHASE: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the purchase of a 2024 Chevy Express 2500 Passenger Van for the City of Byron Police Department. Unanimous.

AGREEMENT WITH 365 DEGREE TOTAL MARKETING: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the automatic renewal with 365 Degrees Total Marketing regarding City of Byron website hosting. Unanimous.

GIRMA FIRST RESPONDER POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER PROGRAM: Motion made by Rusty Adams, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Georgia Municipal Association GIRMA PTSD Program in compliance

with HB 451 and to approve the higher option for Lump Sum PTSD Diagnosis Limit with a total premium cost at \$8060.00. Unanimous.

**WHEREAS**, the Public Entity of Byron, located in Peach County, Georgia ("Public Entity") is a current member of the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (hereafter GIRMA), an interlocal risk management agency formed pursuant to Chapter 85 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing authority of Public Entity is currently a member of a GIRMA Fund and desires to add membership in an additional GIRMA Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing authority of Public Entity has reviewed the Fund Election Form attached as Appendix A and the Application and Participation Agreement applicable to the Fund and finds that it is in the best interest of its residents for Public Entity to be a member of the Fund indicated on the Fund Election Form;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing authority of Public Entity:

1. The Mayor of Public Entity is authorized to act on behalf of Public Entity to elect membership in the Fund identified in the Election Form attached as Appendix A by executing the Application and Participation Agreement for such GIRMA Fund.
2. The Mayor of Public Entity is designated as Public Entity's representative to GIRMA for purposes of Fund participation.
3. Public Entity may change its representative by making a written request to Georgia Municipal Association, Inc., the Program Administrator for GIRMA
4. This resolution shall be effective on the date of adoption.

**SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.**

RESOLUTION REGARDING NEW JOB DESCRIPTION: Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by James Richardson to approve the following Resolution to approve the updated job description for the Deputy Clerk. Unanimous.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO APPROVE AN UPDATED CITY OF BYRON JOB DESCRIPTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia to approve an updated City of Byron Job Description as set out in the Exhibit "A" which by this reference is made a part of this Resolution.

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THIS 11TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.**

RESOLUTION REGARDING NEW JOB DESCRIPTIONS: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the following Resolution for work-based learning job descriptions in the City of Byron. Unanimous.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO APPROVE NEW CITY OF BYRON JOB DESCRIPTIONS REGARDING WORK-BASED LEARNING WITH PEACH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia to approve new City of Byron Job Descriptions as set out in the Exhibit "A" which by this reference is made a part of this Resolution.

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THIS 11TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.**

RESOLUTION REGARDING CITIBOT SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson to approve the following Resolution authorizing

the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Citibot, Inc. for city website chat box customer service. Unanimous.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON AND CITIBOT, INC; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of same that the Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement with Citibot, Inc. in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit "A" by this reference is made a part of this Resolution.

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 11<sup>th</sup> OF NOVEBMBER, 2024.**

RESIDENTIAL RETENTION PONDS: REMOVED.

MOSELEY ROAD AND HWY 42 ALL-WAY STOP: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to authorize the Mayor to execute a letter approving the placement of an All-way stop installation at Moseley Road and Hwy 42 per the recommendation resulting from the Georgia Department of Transportation traffic study. Unanimous.

COVENANT TO ANNEX: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve a covenant to annex property located at 700 Jones Road per request of Karin Vinson for the purpose of acquiring water services. Unanimous.

LMIG FY2025 APPLICATION: Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by Chris Hodges to authorize the Mayor to approve the submittal of the LMIG 2025 application, the 30% matching funds from streets SPLOST as well as the authorization to sign the joint LMIG contract and any corresponding documents. Unanimous.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING RENTAL AGREEMENT WITN BWG: Motion made James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a rental agreement with the Byron Warehouse Group. Unanimous.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON AND THE BYRON WAREHOUSE GROUP; AND**

**FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of same that the Mayor is authorized to execute a lease agreement with the Byron Warehouse Group in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit "A" which by this reference is made a part of this resolution.

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 11th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.**

RESOLUTION CONCERNING RENTAL AGREEMENT WITN AL-ANON: Motion made Chris Hodges, seconded by Michael Chumbley to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a rental agreement with Al-anon. Unanimous.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON AND THE AL-ANON GROUP; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of same that the Mayor is authorized to execute a lease agreement with the Al-Anon Group in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit "A" which by this reference is made a part of this resolution.

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 11th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.**

RESOLUTION REGARDING LICENSE AGREEMENT WITN MULE CREEK: Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by Alan Dorsey to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a license agreement with Mule Creek. Unanimous.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON AND MULE CREEK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of same that the Mayor is authorized to execute a license agreement with Mule Creek in substantially the same form as the attached Exhibit "A" which by this reference is made a part of this resolution.

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 11th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.**

RESOLUTION REGARDING MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH EGS: Motion made by Alan Dorsey, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Preventive Maintenance Agreement with Energy Generation Solutions, Inc. regarding the Fire Department generators. Unanimous.

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BYRON AND ENERGY GENERATION SOLUTIONS, INC. REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE OF MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE WORK FOR THE CITY OF BYRON GENERATOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of same that the Mayor is authorized to execute an agreement with Energy Generation Solutions, Inc. regarding the performance of maintenance and service work for the City of Byron generator and attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

All Resolutions or portions of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SO RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ON THE 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.**

ORDINANCE (#2024-10) REGARDING FIRE PROTECTION FEES: Second reading was held of AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 40-UTILITIES, ARTICLE VI-STORMWATER UTILITY, AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 16-ENVIRONMENT, ARTICLES IV, V, AND VIII, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON, BY AMENDING, INSERTING, DELETING, MODIFYING, AND/OR ASSERTING IN THEIR PLACE THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Motion made by Chris Hodges, seconded by James Richardson to adopt Ordinance #2024-10. Unanimous.

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**RESOLUTION REGARDING AN UPDATED FIRE DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE OF FEES:**

Motion made by James Richardson, seconded by Chris Hodges to approve the following Resolution to amend the Schedule of Fees for the Byron Fire Department. Unanimous.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TO ADOPT AN UPDATED SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron, Georgia and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of same that the attached Exhibit "A", Schedule of Fees, which by this reference is hereby made a part of this Resolution, is adopted as the Schedule of Fees for the Byron Fire Department for the City of Byron effective November 12, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event any fee included on the Schedule of Fees is otherwise set forth in a City of Byron Ordinance, then said fee on the Schedule shall not apply but rather the Ordinance fee shall be applied.

SO RESOLVED this 11th day of November, 2024.

**ORDINANCE (#2024-11) REGARDING CHAPTER 40, SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE FOR WATER/WASTEWATER:** First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2024-11) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 40-UTILITIES, ARTICLE 1.-IN GENERAL, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON BY REMOVING SECTION 40-3-TAP FEES, IN ITS ENTIRETY AND BY REPLACING WITH AND INSERTING A REVISED SECTION 40-3-TAP FEES., AS SHOWN BELOW , AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**ORDINANCE (#2024-12) REGARDING CHAPTER 8, ICC AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODES:** First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2024-12) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 8-BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, SECTION 8.1-MINIMUM STANDARD CODES FOR CONSTRUCTION, OF THE CODE OF BYRON, GEORGIA, SO AS TO UPDATE AND AMEND SAME, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ORDINANCE (#2024-13) REGARDING CHAPTER 16, BUSINESS ADVERTISING: First reading was held of AN ORDINANCE (#2024-13) OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND CHAPTER 16-ENVIRONMENT, ARTICLE X.- PROPERTIES WHICH ARE PUBLIC NUISANCES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BYRON, BY AMENDING, INSERTING, DELETING, MODIFYING, AND/OR ASSERTING IN THEIR PLACE THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF THE PLACEMENTS OF SIGNS ON PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6:18pm, Motion was made by Alan Dorsey seconded by Chris Hodges that the Mayor and Council go into closed session all allowed by O.C.G.A. 50-14-2 for the purpose of discussing land acquisition.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Those voting in favor of the motion for closure: Council Members Michael Chumbley, James Richardson, Rusty Adams, Alan Dorsey, and Chris Hodges. Those voting against the motion for closure: None.

Those attending the Closed Session were Mayor Michael Chidester, Council Members Rusty Adams, James Richardson, Michael Chumbley, Alan Dorsey, and Chris Hodges. City Attorney Brian Causey also attended the meeting .City employees that attended were City Clerk Telina Allred, Administrative Assistant II Elissa Lee, City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur and Assistant to the City Administrator Melanie Bickford.

OPEN SESSION: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Alan Dorsey to return to open session at 6:38pm. Unanimous.

LAND ACQUISITION: Motion made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to authorize City Administrator Tiffany Sandefur to offer said amount as was discussed in closed session. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Michael Chumbley, seconded by Chris Hodges to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 pm. Unanimous.

Telina Allred  
Clerk of Council

